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CITY OF CORUNNA

Corunna Bulletin

Dam Concerns

The dam is starting to show its age and the city is looking into what can be done to save it.

Large sink holes have appeared along the west side of the dam. This signifies serious erosion of the bank. If left as is, the river will continue to erode the soil and collapse the bank, possibly as far as Shiawassee St.

Council has approved \$15,000 to the Spicer Group to survey the damage and suggest solutions to stop the erosion. This is the first step in deciding what, if anything, can be done to save the bank and

the dam. In its current condition, the dam will eventually collapse. This will cause no danger to downstream homes, but will greatly decrease the water volume upstream.

Currently, the river is in a drawn down state to aid in the investigation. This was accomplished by removing stop blocks on the dam's west end. This has decreased some of the water pressure on the west bank.

The river will stay drawn down until the first week of July and may be drawn down again later this year if found to be necessary.

In 2002, the city asked Capital Consultants to come up with suggestions for the dam. The results were to build a new dam at a cost of \$1.8 million, repair the dam for \$850,000, remove the dam for \$750,000, or make the dam into rapids at a cost of \$450,000.

A survey of area residents found that, while one-half of the respondents felt that the dam was an asset to the city, 56% would be unwilling to pay additional millage for dam repairs or replacement.

Corunna Fourth of July Celebration



- Cruise to the Park Car Show
- Nancy Nichols Memorial Kid's Bike Parade
- Firecracker Parade
- Professional Wrestling
- Belt Sander Racing, Horseshoe Contest
- Miniature Golf, Cake Walk, Watermelon Eating and Seed Spitting, Bubble Gum Blowing
- Food, Fun, and the Biggest Fireworks Display in Shiawassee County at Dusk
- Go to www.corunna4th.org for more information

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Calendar

- Fourth of July Celebration, McCurdy Park. Activities all day long with fireworks at dusk.
- Shiawassee Cities Softball Game, July 21, 6 p.m., at the Mitchell Field Complex.
- Antique Truck Show, September 10, Historical Village, McCurdy Park.
- Halloween Party, October 31, Community Center, McCurdy Park.

Pine Tree Cemetery News

The newest addition to the services offered by Pine Tree Cemetery is the building of the Garden of Memories columbarium. Ground breaking took place on June 2 with plans to have the columbarium in place by the middle of July. The structure is being built by Great Lakes Monument of Perry.

Sara Byrd of Vernon won the contest to name the columbarium. Her entry of Garden of Memories was selected from over 100 entries by Corunna Middle and High School students. Ms. Byrd, who recently graduated from Corunna High School, was awarded a prize of \$100 donated by Jim Postema, owner of Great Lakes Monument.

The columbarium will house 28 single niches and 48 double niches. The cost of a single niche is \$600 and a double is \$1,200. The total cost of an interment in



The Garden of Memories Columbarium planned for Pine Tree Cemetery.

the columbarium is less than a traditional burial of cremains. Reservations for niches are now being taken.

Also, soon to be added to the cemetery, are new cemetery section signs. The black and gold signs will be placed at the entry roads into the cemetery on both the Pine Street and Cherry Street sides. The signs will be in place before the end of the summer.

The Department of Public Works/Pine Tree Cemetery office is open from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday or call 743-5040 for more information on niche reservations, grave purchases, or any other cemetery questions.

City Infrastructure Construction

Improvements continue to the city's infrastructure. The replacement of deteriorated intersections was finished in June. Additional plans for this year include:

- Replacement of old sidewalks and the possible addition of new sidewalks on N. Shiawassee Street, areas to be determined by council at a later date.
- A new Ferry St. sewer pump station with additional sewer improvements.
- A new pump station and sanitary sewer improvements on Corunna Avenue, near the new Armory.
- Replacement of the water main on Hastings St. and McDonnell St. from King St. to Mack St.
- Oak St., John St., Walnut St., N. Brady St., and N. Norton St. from Corunna Ave. to Mack St. will be capped.
- The rebuilding of the boat launch, at the end of N. Brady Street, is still on the agenda, but the project is on hold until certain provisions in the state grant are met.

Traffic delays or detours can be expected throughout the summer and fall because of these projects. Residents should be aware of construction zones and try to avoid these areas, if possible. For information, please call Tim Crawford at 743-5040 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Forms and Fees Schedule on Line

Many of the forms that you would normally pick up at city hall are now on line at the City of Corunna web site: www.corunna-mi.gov or www.corn.us. Go to the Forms and Fees tab on the side of the main page. Available are:

- **Building Applications**
 - Building
 - Mechanical
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
- **Planning/Zoning Applications**
 - Zoning & Re-Zoning Permits
 - Land Divisions
 - Rental Property Registrations
 - Burning Permits
 - Site Plan Review & Checklist
 - Tree Removal/Planting in Right of Way
 - Curb Cut Permits
- **Tax Forms**
 - Deferment of Summer Taxes
- Board of Review Petition
- Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption
- Homeowner's Principal Exemption
- Farmland Exemption
- Senior Citizen or Totally Disabled Exemption Affidavit
- Property Transfer
- Military Service Tax Relief

The cost of filing these forms is found under "Fee Schedule". For more information, call city hall at 743-3650.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

A new, five-year, master plan for all city recreational areas is being formed for 2007-2011. This plan outlines future improvements to McCurdy Park, Heritage Park, Stu Coutts Recreational Area, Mitchell Field, Brady Street Boat Launch and the James Miner Walkway.

The five-year plan is a necessary tool for the city to apply for state grants marked for recreational improvements.

The 13 member committee has been meeting since January to discuss needed changes and enhancements to the city's recreational areas. The committee is

comprised of members from the Historical Commission, the Softball Commission, Downtown Development, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Fourth of July Commission, and at-large members of the community.

Once the committee outlines what improvements will be made and when the improvements should be implemented, the plan will be submitted to an engineering company to map out changes and add updated census information.

Some of the suggested improvements to the city's recreational areas are:

- Volleyball courts and repair of the existing basketball courts.
- Additional parking and the paving of parking areas and roads.
- A sledding hill in McCurdy Park (now under construction).
- One-way traffic pattern in McCurdy Park.
- Little league softball fields near Mitchell Field.
- A paved, handicapped accessible, walkway circling McCurdy Park.

Absentee Ballots/Election Information

Absentee ballot applications are now available for the August Primary and November General Elections. An application must be filled out and returned to city hall before an actual ballot can be processed. Absentee ballot applications are available by either calling city hall at 743-3650 or by picking up an application.

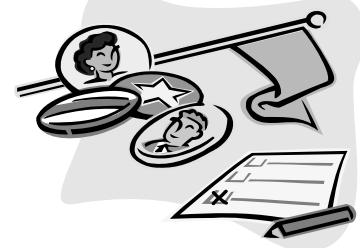
Something new will occur in the August Primary and November General Election. Voters will sign in and be given their ballots at one registration table instead of dividing the voters into three wards. The city will continue to elect its council members by ward as required in the city charter. However, the new procedure of requiring voters to go to one registration

table will eliminate the confusion of which table to report to for registration.

Voters will fill out a voter application, take the completed application to the registration area that will be organized by last name. After verification is complete, the voter will take the application to the ballot table to receive their ballot.

It is anticipated that this new concept for voting will help to streamline the voting process, making it more efficient.

For more information on the new changes or any election questions, call Linda LeCureux at 743-3650.



Primary Election

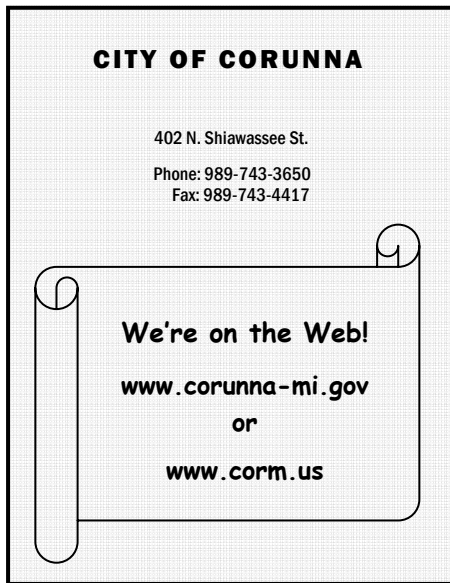
August 8

General Election

November 7

Police Reminders

- The brush and leaf drop off, behind the Department of Public Works barn, is for organic material only. No metal, treated lumber, or plastic is allowed.
If you bring material in plastic bags, they must be dumped off before you leave and the bags disposed of in the dumpster behind the barn. This drop off is for City of Corunna residents only. Violators will be fined.
- Residents must keep grass cut to less than six inches and dead grass and weeds cannot be allowed to collect on the property.
- Do not mow, rake or blow any grass or leaves into the streets.
- Pets in any city park must be on a leash. Owners are also responsible for the disposal of the pet's feces.
- Garage, yard, rummage, or any type of sale falling under this category are limited to twice a year and for only three consecutive days. Hours are limited to 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sale signs, advertisements, or party signs cannot be placed in any right-of-way (the area between the street and the sidewalk). They are only allowed on private property.



City of Corunna Council and Staff

Council meetings are held the first and third

Mondays of each month at city hall, 7 p.m.

Mayor-Steve Corey	743-5482
First Ward-Charles Spring.....	743-9200
First Ward - Dan Wagner.....	989-277-6259
Second Ward - Don Mehigh.....	743-3302
Second Ward -Nina Hall.....	743-4518
Third Ward - Arnie Jessen.....	743-6433
Third Ward - Dawn Johnson.....	743-5518
City Manager -Joe Sawyer.....	743-3650
City Clerk /Treasurer - Nichole Cowdrey...	743-3650
Dept. of Public Works -Tim Crawford.....	743-5040
Assessor/City Planner -Merilee Lawson.....	743-3650
Police Chief- Kim Williams.....	743-6170
Parks and Recreation-Janet Washburn.....	743-3650
Building Director-Rob Kehoe.....	743-3650
Fire Chief-Scott Johnson.....	743-6479

Corunna Boards and Commissions Vacancies

<u>BOARD OF REVIEW</u> (ONE VACANCY-CITY RESIDENT)	MEETS THE FIRST TWO WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH TO HEAR ASSESSMENT APPEALS.
<u>FORESTRY MANAGEMENT</u> (ONE VACANCY-CITY RESIDENT)	MEETS SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH TO DETERMINE TREE PLANTINGS AND REMOVALS IN THE CITY.
<u>FOURTH OF JULY</u> (THREE VACANCIES-CITY RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT)	MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH TO PLAN AND OPERATE THE ANNUAL CORUNNA FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u> (ONE VACANCY-CITY RESIDENT)	MEETS THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO ESTABLISH CITY IMPROVEMENTS, PLAT APPROVALS, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES.
<u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u> (ONE VACANCY-CITY RESIDENT)	MEETS WHEN CALLED TO DETERMINE CITY ZONING ISSUES.

To apply for a board or commission vacancy, or for more information, call Corunna City Hall, 402 N. Shiawassee Street, 743-3650, or visit www.corunna-mi.gov and click on the Boards and Commission link on the main page.